

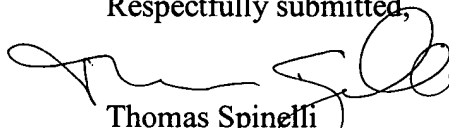
REMARKS

Claims 1-54 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to a species election under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that species [01a] - [01c] and [02a] - [02b] of the claimed invention are present in the claims. The Examiner requires election of a single species from each of groups [01a] - [01c] and [02a] - [02b]. Furthermore, the Examiner indicates that if species [02a] is elected, the Applicants must also elect a single subspecies from among subspecies [03a] - [03e].

Therefore, Applicants elect the claims of Species [01b]-Claims 4, 13 and 16; Species [02a]-Claims 25-32; and Species [03a]-Claim 28, along with generic claims 1, 2, 7, 14, and 18-24 for continued prosecution herein. However, Applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

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